

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION AT COLUMBUS**

ROBERT PHELPS,

Petitioner,

: Case No. 2:23-cv-1697

- vs -

District Judge Edmund A. Sargus, Jr.  
Magistrate Judge Michael R. Merz

WARDEN, Grafton Correctional  
Institution,

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Respondent.

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**TRANSFER ORDER**

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With the consent of both of them, the Magistrate Judge reference in the above-captioned case is hereby transferred from The Honorable Stephanie K. Bowman to The Honorable Michael R. Merz.

February 20, 2024.

*s/ Michael R. Merz*  
United States Magistrate Judge